

REMARKS

Claims 129-200 are pending in the application, with claims 129-136 being independent. Claims 177-200 have been added herein by virtue of this amendment. No new matter has been introduced. For example, with respect to new claims 177-184, Applicant refers the Examiner's attention to page 31, lines 18-25; page 34, lines 3-10; page 36, lines 23-29, and page 37, lines 20-26. Further, with respect to new claims 185-200, Applicant refers the Examiner's attention to, for example, page 30, line 18 to page 31, line 9.

Claims 129-176 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 78-113 of co-pending Application No. 10/026,064.

In response, Applicant requests that the provisional double patenting rejection be withdrawn, since the claims of co-pending Application No. 10/026,064 are presently rejected, while the claims of the present application are otherwise allowable (in particular, Applicant notes that new claims 177-200 depend from their respective independent claims, and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims).

As an alternative, Applicant requests that the rejection be held in abeyance until the claims of co-pending Application No. 10/026,064 are found to be allowable in their present form.

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